

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Eastern District of California

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

v.

Case Number: **2:21CR00109-11****FERNANDO CARDENAS**

Defendant's Attorney: Tasha P. Chalfant

THE DEFENDANT:

- ☒ pleaded guilty to count(s) 26 and 27 of the Indictment.
- ☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) , which was accepted by the court.
- ☐ was found guilty on count(s) after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section	Nature of Offense	Offense Ended	Count
21 U.S.C. § 843(b)	Use of Communication Facility to Facilitate a Drug Trafficking Offense (Class E Felony)		26
21 U.S.C. § 843(b)	Use of a Communication Facility to Facilitate a Drug Trafficking Offense (Class E Felony)		27

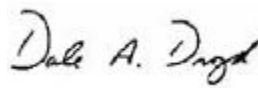
The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- ☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) .
- ☒ Count(s) 1 is dismissed on the motion of the United States.
- ☐ Indictment is to be dismissed by District Court on motion of the United States.
- ☒ Appeal rights given. ☒ Appeal rights waived.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution or fine, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

11/14/2023

Date of Imposition of Judgment



Signature of Judicial Officer

Dale A. Drozd, United States District Judge

Name & Title of Judicial Officer

11/20/2023

Date

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of: 48 months on each of Counts 26 and 27, to be served consecutively to each other for a total term of 96 months.

- ☐ No TSR: Defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA.
- ☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:
The court recommends that the defendant be incarcerated at an institution in Terminal Island or Lompoc, but only insofar as this recommendation accords with security classification and space availability. The court recommends the defendant participate in the 500-Hour Bureau of Prisons Substance Abuse Treatment Program.
- ☒ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district
- ☐ at ____ on ____.
- ☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
- ☐ before ____ on ____.
- ☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.
- ☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Officer.
- If no such institution has been designated, to the United States Marshal for this district.
- ☐ Other, Please Specify:

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

United States Marshal

By Deputy United States Marshal

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The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the Schedule of Payments on Sheet 6.

TOTALS

<u>Processing Fee</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>AVAA Assessment*</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment**</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
	\$200			\$	

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until ____ . An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C)* will be entered after such determination.

☐

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ ____

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☐ The interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution

☐ The interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

☐ If incarcerated, payment of any unpaid criminal monetary penalties in this case is due during imprisonment at the rate of 10% of the defendant's gross income per month or \$25 per quarter, whichever is greater. Payment shall be made through the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

☐ Other:

* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299

** Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

*** Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A. ☐ Lump sum payment of \$ ____ due immediately, balance due
☐ Not later than ____, or
☐ in accordance ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☐ F below; or
- B. ☒ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☒ F below); or
- C. ☐ Payment in equal ____ (*e.g. weekly, monthly, quarterly*) installments of \$ ____ over a period of ____ (*e.g. months or years*), to commence ____ (*e.g. 30 or 60 days*) after the date of this judgment; or
- D. ☐ Payment in equal ____ (*e.g. weekly, monthly, quarterly*) installments of \$ ____ over a period of ____ (*e.g. months or years*), to commence ____ (*e.g. 30 or 60 days*) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E. ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release/probation will commence within ____ (*e.g. 30 or 60 days*) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F. ☒ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:
☒ **Payments must be made by Check or Money Order, payable to: Clerk, U.S.D.C. and mailed to:**
☒ CLERK U.S.D.C.
501 "I" Street, #4-200
Sacramento, CA 95814
Your check or money order must indicate **your name and citation/case number** shown above to ensure your account is credited for payment received.

If incarcerated, payment of any unpaid criminal monetary penalties in this case is due during imprisonment at the rate of 10% of the defendant's gross income per month or \$25 per quarter, whichever is greater. Payment shall be made through the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

The defendant shall make payments toward any unpaid criminal monetary penalties in this case during supervision at the rate of at least 10% of your gross monthly income. Payments are to commence no later than 60 days from placement on supervision. This payment schedule does not prohibit the United States from collecting through all available means any unpaid criminal monetary penalties at any time, as prescribed by law.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- ☐ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States: The Preliminary Order of Forfeiture is hereby made final as to this defendant and shall be incorporated into the Judgment.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVT assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.